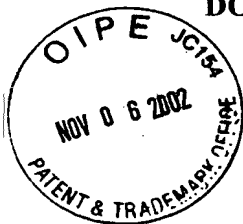


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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is:

- ☐ A Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ An Amendment Responsive to the Office Action Dated June 6, 2002.
- ☐ An Amendment Supplemental to the Paper filed
- ☒ Other: Drawing Change Authorization Request (2 corrected drawing sheets enclosed).
- ☐ Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27.
- ☐ Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27 as:
- ☐ an Independent Inventor
- ☐ a Small Business Concern

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- ☐ a Nonprofit Organization
- ☐ This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. It is requested that this be noted in the files of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.
- ☐ Loss of Entitlement Enclosed
- ☐ Substitute Pages of the Specification are enclosed.
- ☐ An Abstract is enclosed.
- ☒ 2 Sheets of Proposed Corrected Drawings are enclosed.
- ☐ A Certified Copy of each of the following applications: is enclosed.
- ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney is enclosed.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ Attached Form 1449.
- ☐ A copy of each reference as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.
- ☐ Appended Material as follows:
- ☐ Other Material as follows:

FEE CALCULATION

- ☐ No Additional Fee is Due.

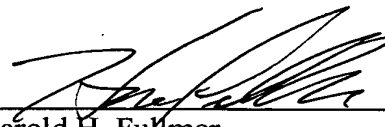
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| TOTAL CLAIMS | 28 | 28 (20 MINIMUM) | | \$9 EACH | \$ | \$18 EACH | \$ |
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- ☒ A check is enclosed in the foregoing amount due.
- ☒ Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) (fees: 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of June 6, 2002 to and through November 6, 2002 comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of two month(s).
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby requested to grant an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, should one be necessary, in connection with this filing or any future filing submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application during the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any fees related to any such extension of time to Deposit Account 23-3050. This sheet is provided in duplicate.
- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of the following fees and to refund any overpayment associated with this communication or during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account 23-3050. This sheet is provided in duplicate.
- ☐ The foregoing amount due for filing this paper.
- ☒ Any additional filing fees required, including fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR § 1.16.
- ☒ Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 or 1.20(d).

SHOULD ANY DEFICIENCIES APPEAR with respect to this application, including deficiencies in payment of fees, missing parts of the application or otherwise, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to promptly notify the undersigned.

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DRAWING CHANGE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Authorization is hereby requested to amend FIGURE(S) 3, 4, 5, 6, as shown in red ink on the attached copy(ies) of that (those) FIGURE(S). Upon approval by the Examiner, the indicated change(s) will be made in accordance with current Patent Office Procedures.

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